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SEGA
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
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I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S YOU!
BUT IT CAN'T BE...
...YOU DIED!
SPAZ
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RIBEIRO

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AGENT OF K.N.O.T.H.O.L.E.

"WALKING THROUGH SAND-BLOWN WINDS ON THIS DRY AND ROCKY LAND, I ENTER THE DERELICT TOWN OF GRAVESTONE IN THE FORBIDDEN ZONE.

"THIS ZONE CONTINUES TO BE MY FAVORITE VACATION SPOT--***NOT***! IT FALLS UNDER ROBOTNIK'S JURISDICTION, BUT I DON'T THINK HE CARES ABOUT IT ONE BIT.

"OOPS, GET BACK INTO CHARACTER: THE FORBIDDEN ZONE...WITH ITS FORBIDDEN WAYS--

NOK NOK

"--AND ITS FORBIDDEN SECRETS."

SHAK

PASSWORD.

DOOM AND GLOOM.

SHAK

UH-OH-- DID I MESS IT UP?

"COOL. SO FAR, THE INFO I GOT IS ON THE UP AND UP.

" I KEEP FORGETTING TO STAY IN MY SPY CHARACTER...

"...AND LIKE A GOOD SPY: I SCAN THE ROOM AND TRY TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS.

"BUT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, EVERYTHING IS SUSPICIOUS... FROM THE SEEDY ATMOSPHERE TO THE DARK EYES OF THE PATRONS THAT LOOK MY WAY.

"THIS PLACE IS FREQUENTED BY MOBIANS WHO HAVE NOT DEFECTED INTO THE KINGDOM OF KNOTHOLE. THEY KEEP TO THEMSELVES, NOT WANTING TO GET INVOLVED, HOPING THE EVIL DESPOT WILL NOT NOTICE THEM.

" AT LAST I FIND MY CONTACT... CORNER OF THE ROOM... AT THAT BOOTH."

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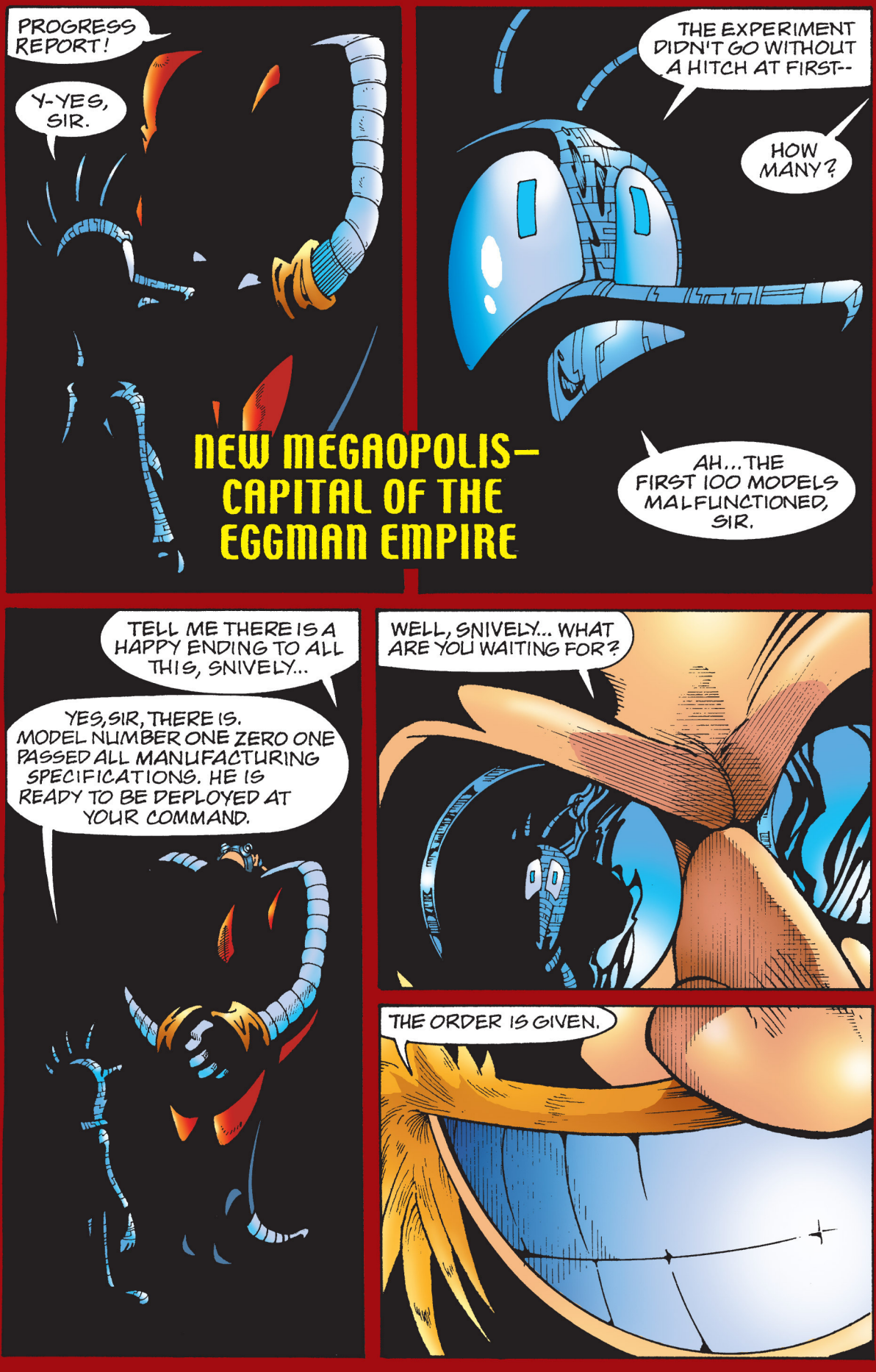
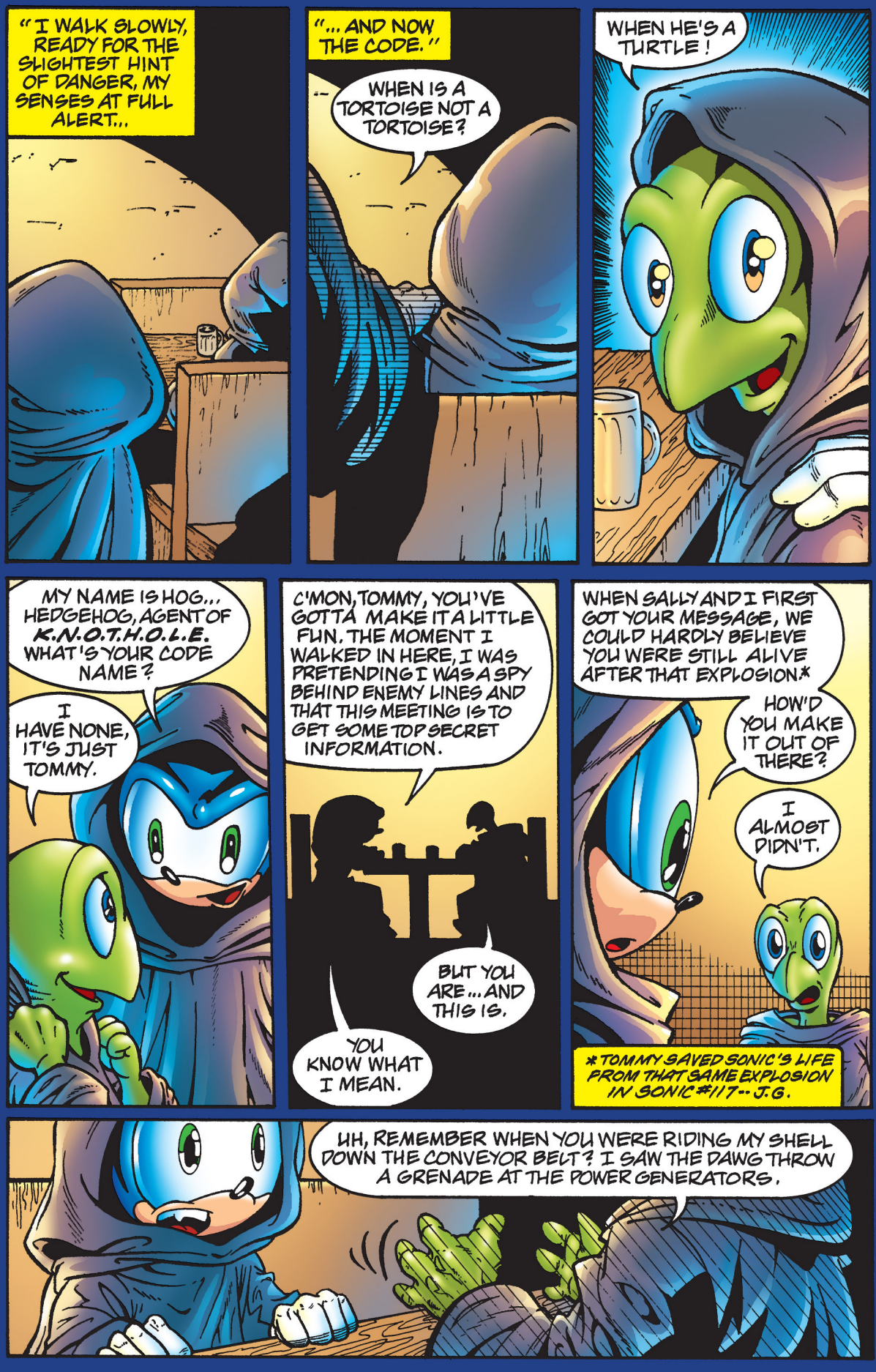
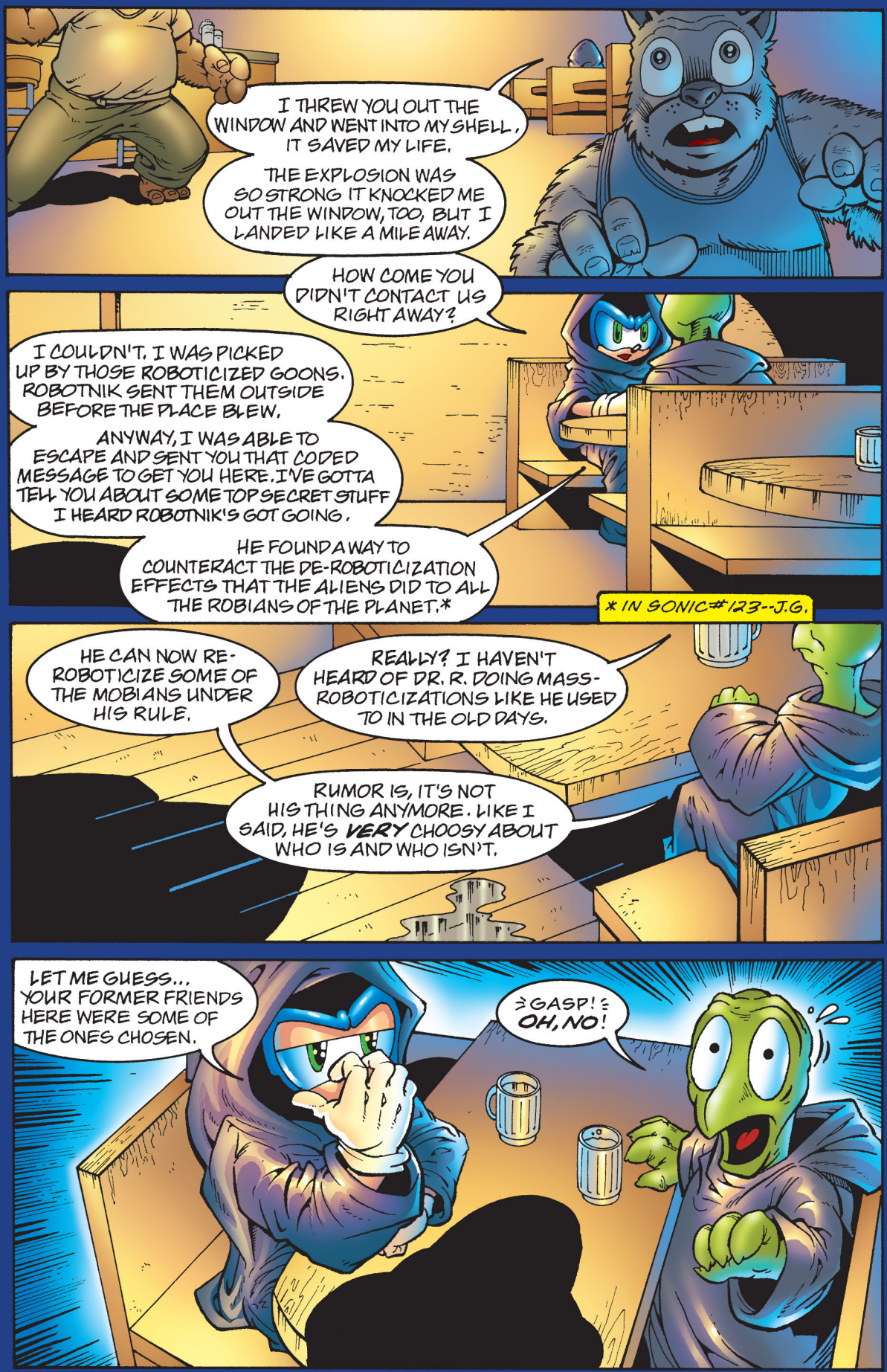
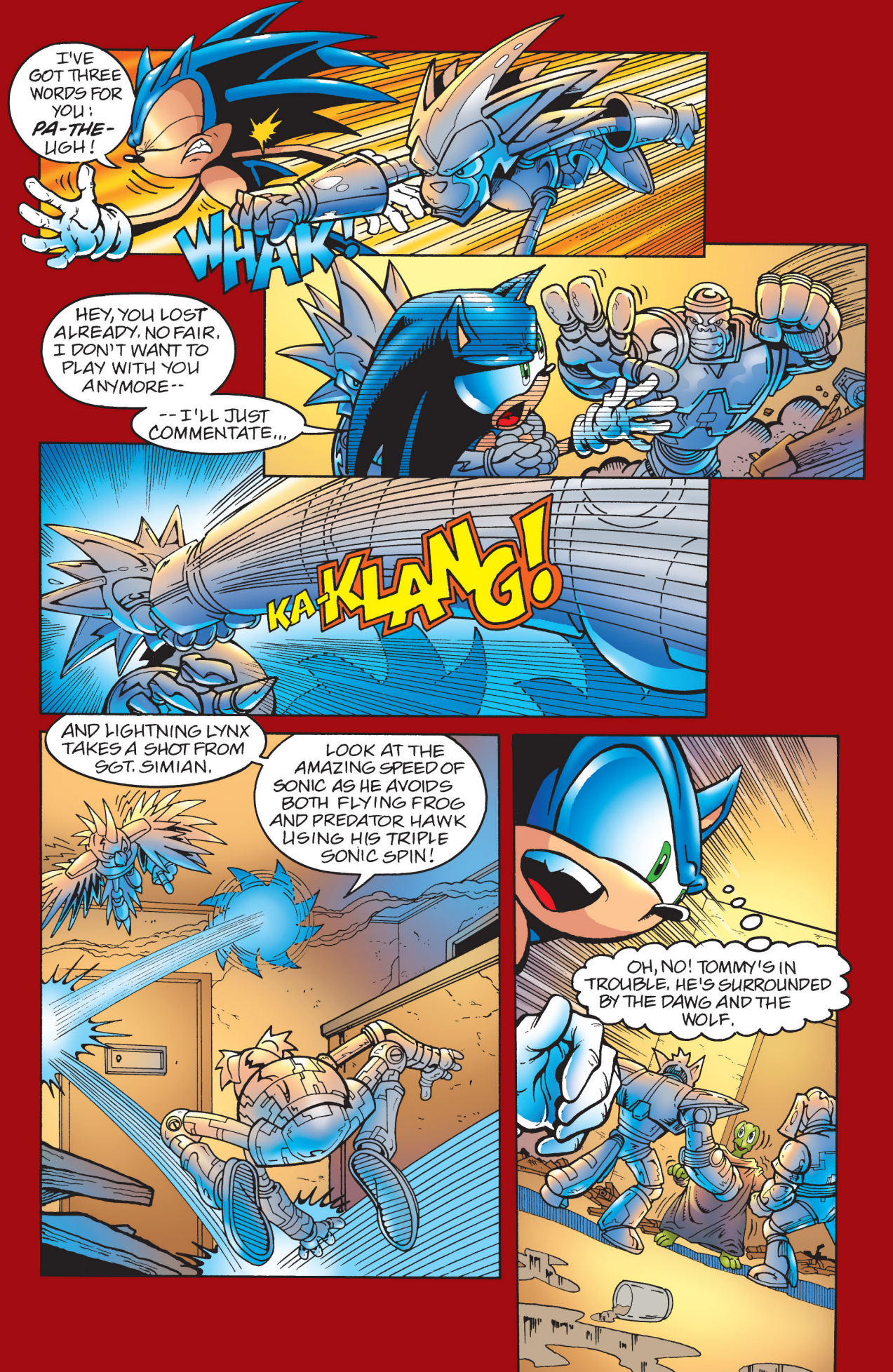

PROGRESS REPORT!
Y-YES, SIR.
NEW MEGAOPOLIS– CAPITAL OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE
THE EXPERIMENT DIDN'T GO WITHOUT A HITCH AT FIRST--
HOW MANY?
AH...THE FIRST 100 MODELS MALFUNCTIONED, SIR.
TELL ME THERE IS A HAPPY ENDING TO ALL THIS, SNIVELY...
YES, SIR, THERE IS. MODEL NUMBER ONE ZERO ONE PASSED ALL MANUFACTURING SPECIFICATIONS. HE IS READY TO BE DEPLOYED AT YOUR COMMAND.
WELL, SNIVELY... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
THE ORDER IS GIVEN.

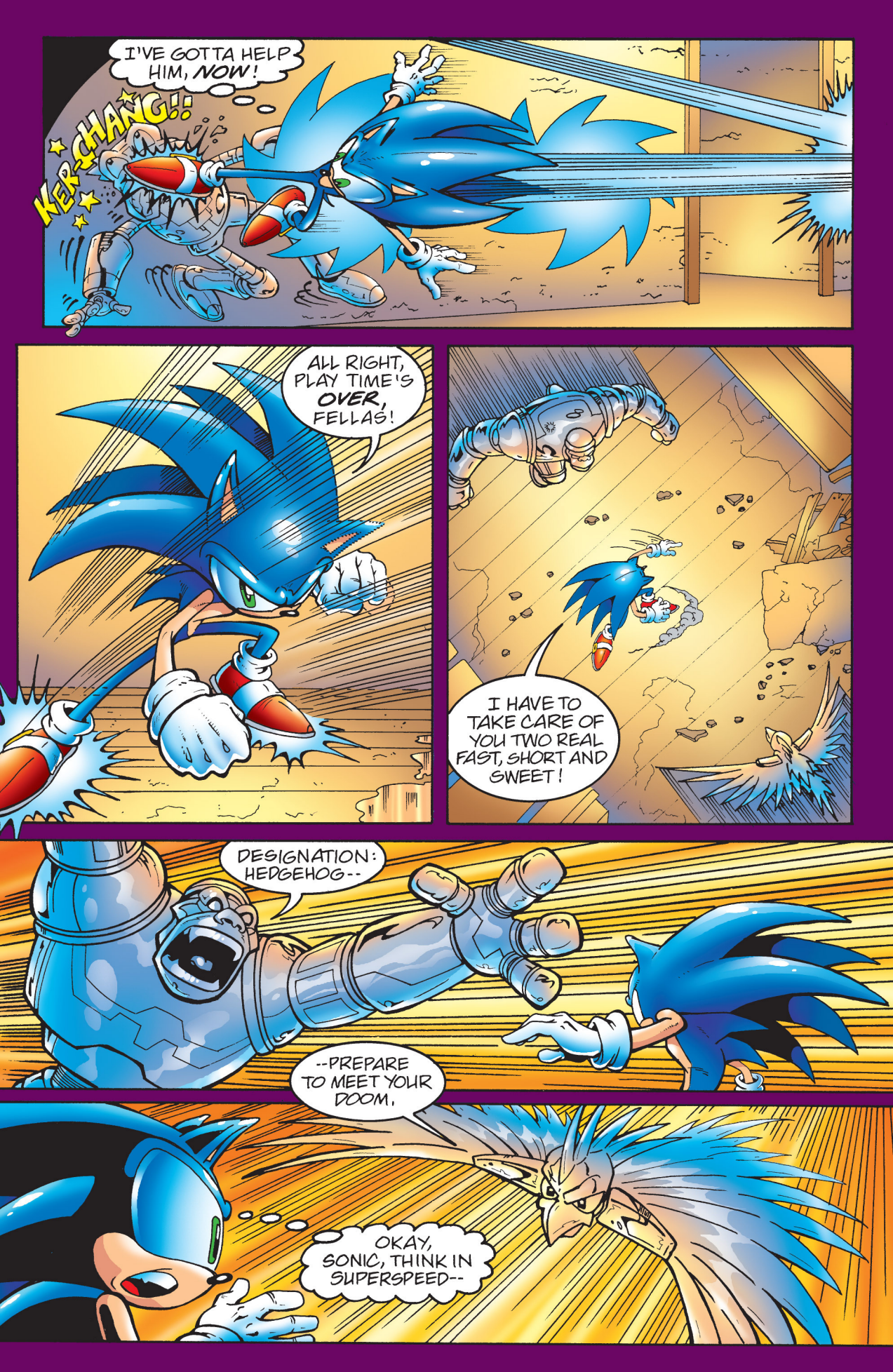

"I WALK SLOWLY, READY FOR THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF DANGER, MY SENSES AT FULL ALERT...
"... AND NOW THE CODE."
WHEN IS A TORTOISE NOT A TORTOISE?
WHEN HE'S A TURTLE!
MY NAME IS HOG... HEDGEHOG, AGENT OF K.N.O.T.H.O.L.E. WHAT'S YOUR CODE NAME?
I HAVE NONE, IT'S JUST TOMMY.
C'MON, TOMMY, YOU'VE GOTTA MAKE IT A LITTLE FUN. THE MOMENT I WALKED IN HERE, I WAS PRETENDING I WAS A SPY BEHIND ENEMY LINES AND THAT THIS MEETING IS TO GET SOME TOP SECRET INFORMATION.
BUT YOU ARE... AND THIS IS.
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
WHEN SALLY AND I FIRST GOT YOUR MESSAGE, WE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE YOU WERE STILL ALIVE AFTER THAT EXPLOSION.*
HOW'D YOU MAKE IT OUT OF THERE?
I ALMOST DIDN'T.
* TOMMY SAVED SONIC'S LIFE FROM THAT SAME EXPLOSION IN SONIC #117 -- J.G.
UH, REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE RIDING MY SHELL DOWN THE CONVEYOR BELT? I SAW THE DAWG THROW A GRENADE AT THE POWER GENERATORS.


I THREW YOU OUT THE WINDOW AND WENT INTO MY SHELL, IT SAVED MY LIFE.
THE EXPLOSION WAS SO STRONG IT KNOCKED ME OUT THE WINDOW, TOO, BUT I LANDED LIKE A MILE AWAY.
HOW COME YOU DIDN'T CONTACT US RIGHT AWAY?
I COULDN'T. I WAS PICKED UP BY THOSE ROBOTICIZED GOONS. ROBOTNIK SENT THEM OUTSIDE BEFORE THE PLACE BLEW.
ANYWAY, I WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE AND SENT YOU THAT CODED MESSAGE TO GET YOU HERE. I'VE GOTTA TELL YOU ABOUT SOME TOP SECRET STUFF I HEARD ROBOTNIK'S GOT GOING.
HE FOUND A WAY TO COUNTERACT THE DE-ROBOTICIZATION EFFECTS THAT THE ALIENS DID TO ALL THE ROBIANS OF THE PLANET.*
* IN SONIC #123--J.G.
HE CAN NOW RE-ROBOTICIZE SOME OF THE MOBIANS UNDER HIS RULE.
REALLY? I HAVEN'T HEARD OF DR. R. DOING MASS-ROBOTICIZATIONS LIKE HE USED TO IN THE OLD DAYS.
RUMOR IS, IT'S NOT HIS THING ANYMORE. LIKE I SAID, HE'S VERY CHOOSY ABOUT WHO IS AND WHO ISN'T.
LET ME GUESS... YOUR FORMER FRIENDS HERE WERE SOME OF THE ONES CHOSEN.
GASP! OH, NO!

DESIGNATION: YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR ILLEGAL ENTRANCE INTO THE ROBOTNIK EMPIRE.
DESIGNATION: TOMMY TURTLE, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR ESPIONAGE.
=YAWN= WHO PROGRAMS YOUR SPEECH?
GOTTA GET HIM TO HAVE YOU GUYS SAY SOMETHING MORE MENACING NEXT TIME... LIKE A GOOD SPY VILLAIN WOULD.
SO, WHICH ONE OF YOU GUYS PLAN TO "DESIGNATE" ME FIRST?
I WILL!
SLICE
THRASH!

HOW COULD YOU MISS ME? THAT WAS A LITTLE SLOW, GUYS!
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT... YOU GUYS CAN TRY AGAIN. IN FACT, I'LL GIVE YOU BEST OUT OF THREE.
A SONIC JUMP HERE...
THAT'S TWO!
...AND A LITTLE DODGE HERE...
THAT'S THREE! I WIN!
HA! HA!


I'VE GOT THREE WORDS FOR YOU: PA-THE-UGH!
WHAK!
HEY, YOU LOST ALREADY. NO FAIR. I DON'T WANT TO PLAY WITH YOU ANYMORE--
--I'LL JUST COMMENTATE...
KA-KLANG!
AND LIGHTNING LYNX TAKES A SHOT FROM SGT. SIMIAN.
LOOK AT THE AMAZING SPEED OF SONIC AS HE AVOIDS BOTH FLYING FROG AND PREDATOR HAWK USING HIS TRIPLE SONIC SPIN!
OH, NO! TOMMY'S IN TROUBLE. HE'S SURROUNDED BY THE DAWG AND THE WOLF.


I'VE GOTTA HELP HIM, NOW!
KER-CHANG!!
ALL RIGHT, PLAY TIME'S OVER, FELLAS!
I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU TWO REAL FAST, SHORT AND SWEET!
DESIGNATION: HEDGEHOG--
--PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DOOM.
OKAY, SONIC, THINK IN SUPERSPEED--

I GOT IT-- I JUST HAVE TO TIME THIS RIGHT!
NOW!!!
SEE YA!
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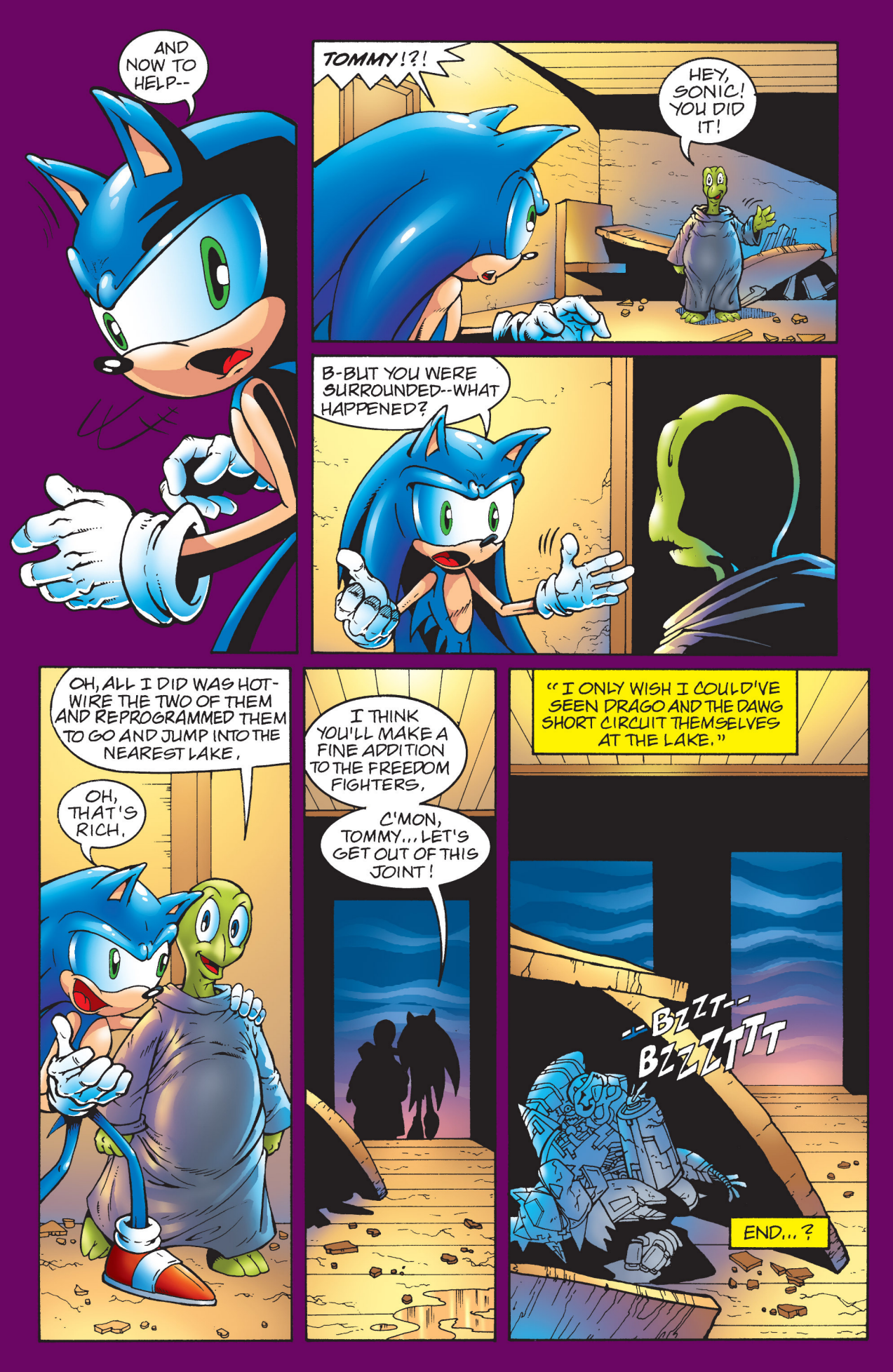
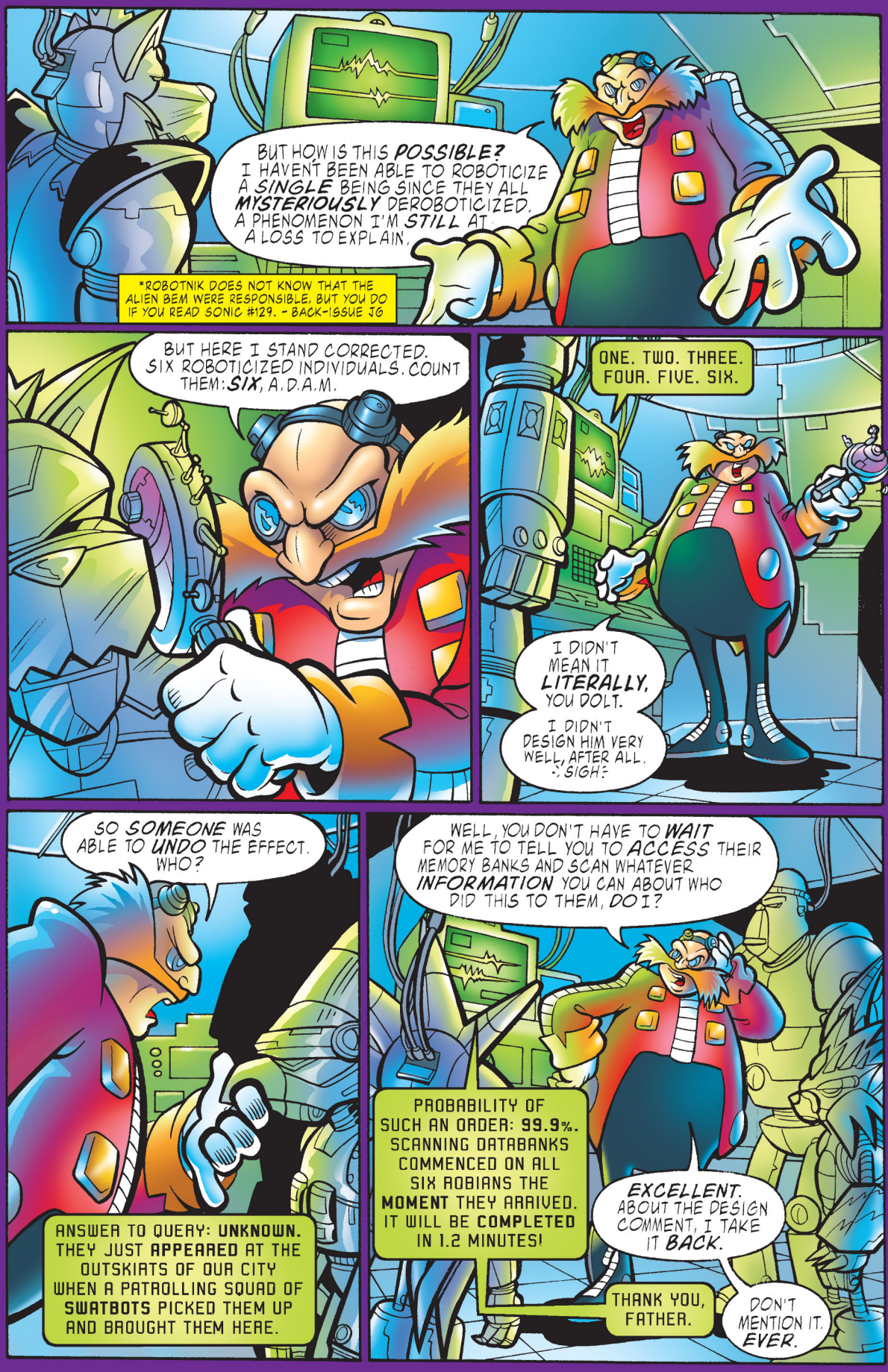
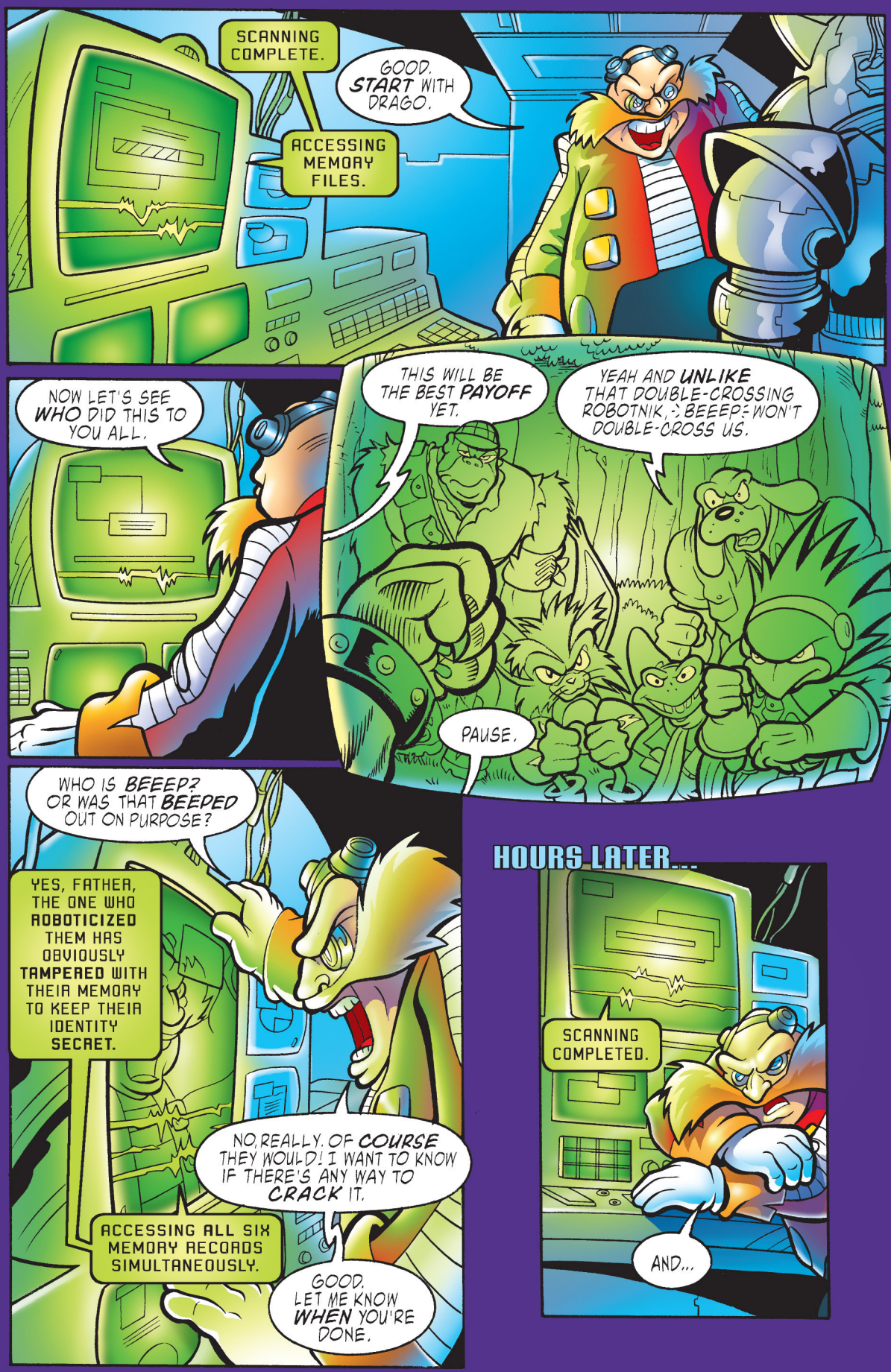
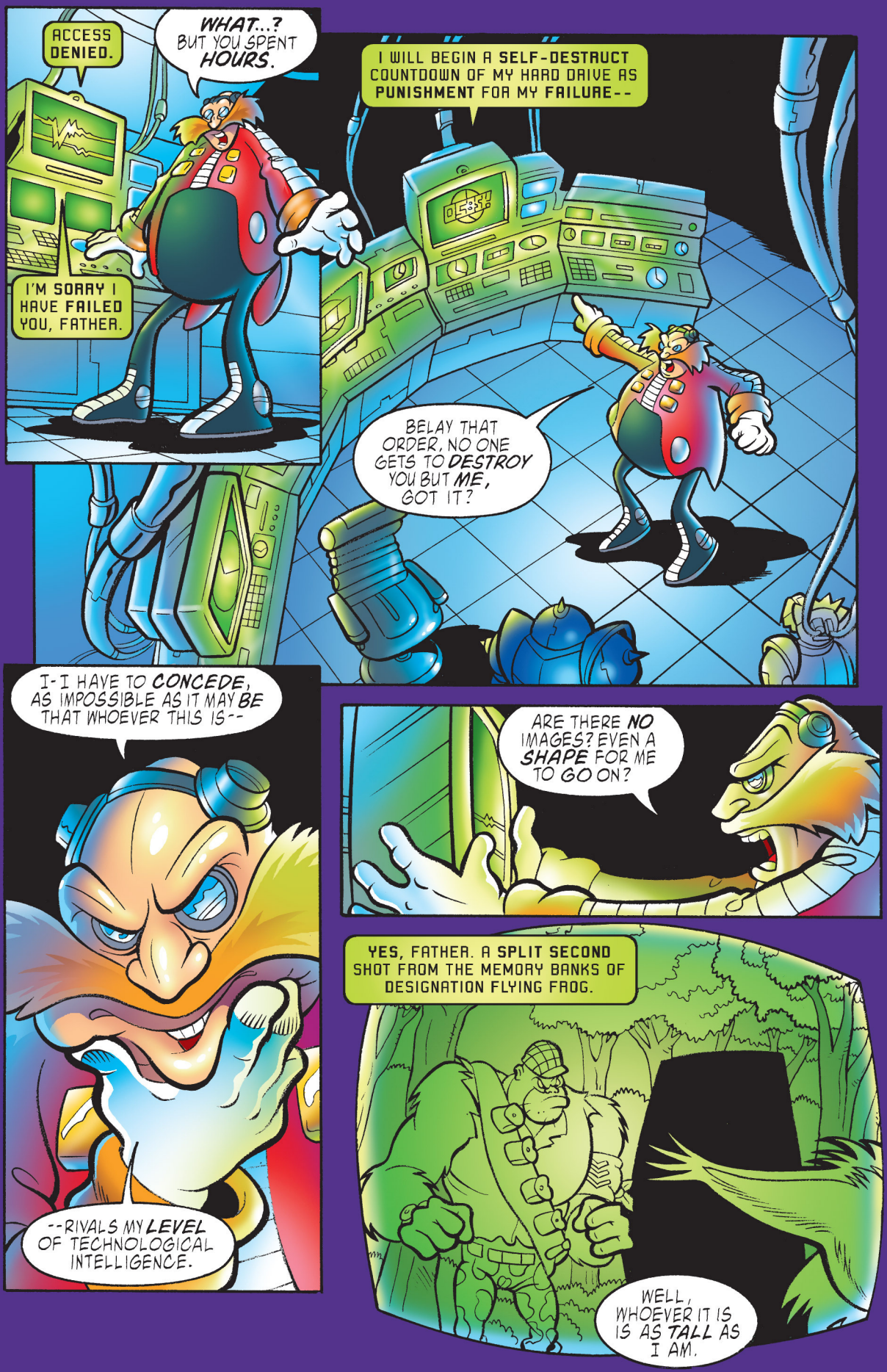
KRRAAASH!!
WOULDN'T WANNA BE YA,
OUCH!

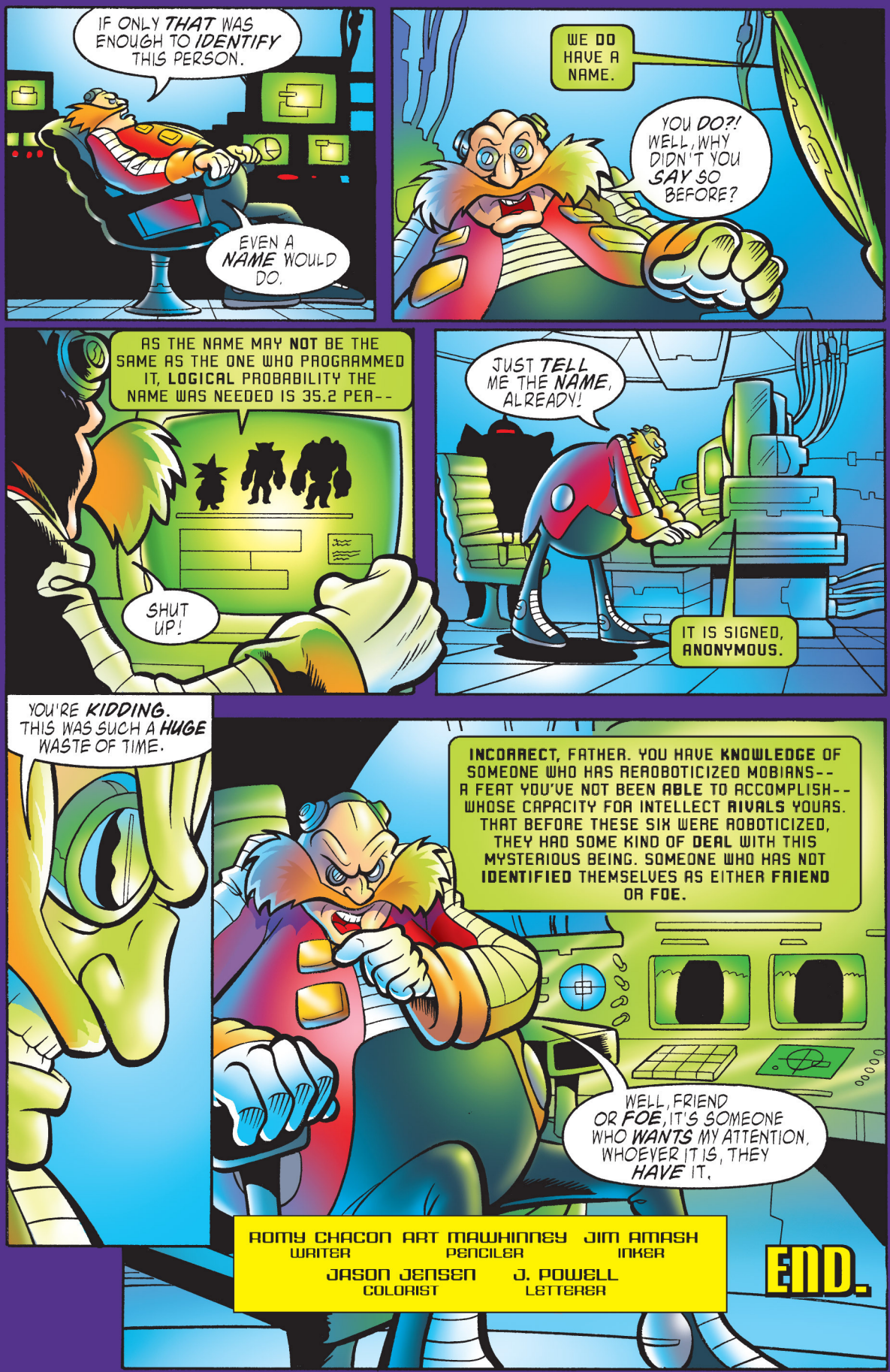

AND NOW TO HELP--
TOMMY!?!
HEY, SONIC! YOU DID IT!
B-BUT YOU WERE SURROUNDED--WHAT HAPPENED?
OH, ALL I DID WAS HOT-WIRE THE TWO OF THEM AND REPROGRAMMED THEM TO GO AND JUMP INTO THE NEAREST LAKE.
OH, THAT'S RICH.
I THINK YOU'LL MAKE A FINE ADDITION TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
C'MON, TOMMY... LET'S GET OUT OF THIS JOINT!
"I ONLY WISH I COULD'VE SEEN DRAGO AND THE DAWG SHORT CIRCUIT THEMSELVES AT THE LAKE."
--BZZT--
BZZZTTT
END...?

THIS BETTER BE IMPORTANT, A.D.A.M.! I HATE TO BE DISTURBED WHEN I'M PLOTTING MY NEXT GREAT PLAN TO TAKE BACK WHAT'S MINE FROM KING ACORN.
WHICH USED TO BE HIS, BUT THEN IT'S MY RULE THAT REALLY COUNTS.
AND THIS ONE IS GOING TO BE A DOOZY. ESPECIALLY WITH THE UNWITTING HELP OF ONE OF SONIC'S FRIENDS. BWAH-HAHAHAHA!
FATHER, I WOULD NOT HAVE DISTURBED YOU IF I DID NOT THINK IT WAS WORTH THE ATTENTION OF YOUR GENIUS.
GENIUS, HUH? FLATTERY WILL GET YOU EVERYWHERE. I PROGRAMMED THIS BOY TOO GOOD.
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK in ANONYMOUS
SO LET'S SEE WHAT I HAD TO COME LOOK AT WITH--
--MY OWN EYES!?!
ARE THEY WHAT I THINK THEY ARE?
YES. ROBOTICIZED VERSIONS OF DESIGNATIONS: DRAGO THE WOLF, SLEUTH DOGG, PREDATOR HAWK, LIGHTNING LYNX, FLYING FROG AND SGT. SIMIAN.


BUT HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE? I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ROBOTICIZE A SINGLE BEING SINCE THEY ALL MYSTERIOUSLY DEROBOTICIZED. A PHENOMENON I'M STILL AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN.
*ROBOTNIK DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE ALIEN BEM WERE RESPONSIBLE, BUT YOU DO IF YOU READ SONIC #129. - BACK-ISSUE JG
BUT HERE I STAND CORRECTED. SIX ROBOTICIZED INDIVIDUALS. COUNT THEM: SIX, A.D.A.M.
ONE. TWO. THREE. FOUR. FIVE. SIX.
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LITERALLY, YOU DOLT.
I DIDN'T DESIGN HIM VERY WELL, AFTER ALL. -SIGH-
SO SOMEONE WAS ABLE TO UNDO THE EFFECT. WHO?
ANSWER TO QUERY: UNKNOWN. THEY JUST APPEARED AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF OUR CITY WHEN A PATROLLING SQUAD OF SWATBOTS PICKED THEM UP AND BROUGHT THEM HERE.
WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR ME TO TELL YOU TO ACCESS THEIR MEMORY BANKS AND SCAN WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU CAN ABOUT WHO DID THIS TO THEM, DO I?
PROBABILITY OF SUCH AN ORDER: 99.9%. SCANNING DATABANKS COMMENCED ON ALL SIX ROBIANS THE MOMENT THEY ARRIVED. IT WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1.2 MINUTES!
EXCELLENT. ABOUT THE DESIGN COMMENT, I TAKE IT BACK.
THANK YOU, FATHER.
DON'T MENTION IT. EVER.


SCANNING COMPLETE.
ACCESSING MEMORY FILES.
GOOD. START WITH DRAGO.
NOW LET'S SEE WHO DID THIS TO YOU ALL.
THIS WILL BE THE BEST PAYOFF YET.
YEAH AND UNLIKE THAT DOUBLE-CROSSING ROBOTNIK, -:- BEEEP:= WON'T DOUBLE-CROSS US.
PAUSE.
WHO IS BEEEP? OR WAS THAT BEEPED OUT ON PURPOSE?
YES, FATHER, THE ONE WHO ROBOTICIZED THEM HAS OBVIOUSLY TAMPERED WITH THEIR MEMORY TO KEEP THEIR IDENTITY SECRET.
NO, REALLY. OF COURSE THEY WOULD! I WANT TO KNOW IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO CRACK IT.
ACCESSING ALL SIX MEMORY RECORDS SIMULTANEOUSLY.
GOOD. LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE.
HOURS LATER...
SCANNING COMPLETED.
AND...


ACCESS DENIED.
WHAT...? BUT YOU SPENT HOURS.
I'M SORRY I HAVE FAILED YOU, FATHER.
I WILL BEGIN A SELF-DESTRUCT COUNTDOWN OF MY HARD DRIVE AS PUNISHMENT FOR MY FAILURE--
BELAY THAT ORDER. NO ONE GETS TO DESTROY YOU BUT ME, GOT IT?
I-I HAVE TO CONCEDE, AS IMPOSSIBLE AS IT MAY BE THAT WHOEVER THIS IS--
--RIVALS MY LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE.
ARE THERE NO IMAGES? EVEN A SHAPE FOR ME TO GO ON?
YES, FATHER. A SPLIT SECOND SHOT FROM THE MEMORY BANKS OF DESIGNATION FLYING FROG.
WELL, WHOEVER IT IS IS AS TALL AS I AM.


IF ONLY THAT WAS ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY THIS PERSON.
EVEN A NAME WOULD DO.
WE DO HAVE A NAME.
YOU DO?! WELL, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO BEFORE?
AS THE NAME MAY NOT BE THE SAME AS THE ONE WHO PROGRAMMED IT, LOGICAL PROBABILITY THE NAME WAS NEEDED IS 35.2 PER--
SHUT UP!
JUST TELL ME THE NAME, ALREADY!
IT IS SIGNED, ANONYMOUS.
YOU'RE KIDDING. THIS WAS SUCH A HUGE WASTE OF TIME.
INCORRECT, FATHER. YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF SOMEONE WHO HAS REROBOTICIZED MOBIANS--A FEAT YOU'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH--WHOSE CAPACITY FOR INTELLECT RIVALS YOURS. THAT BEFORE THESE SIX WERE ROBOTICIZED, THEY HAD SOME KIND OF DEAL WITH THIS MYSTERIOUS BEING. SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS EITHER FRIEND OR FOE.
WELL, FRIEND OR FOE, IT'S SOMEONE WHO WANTS MY ATTENTION, WHOEVER IT IS, THEY HAVE IT.
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25 YEARS LATER

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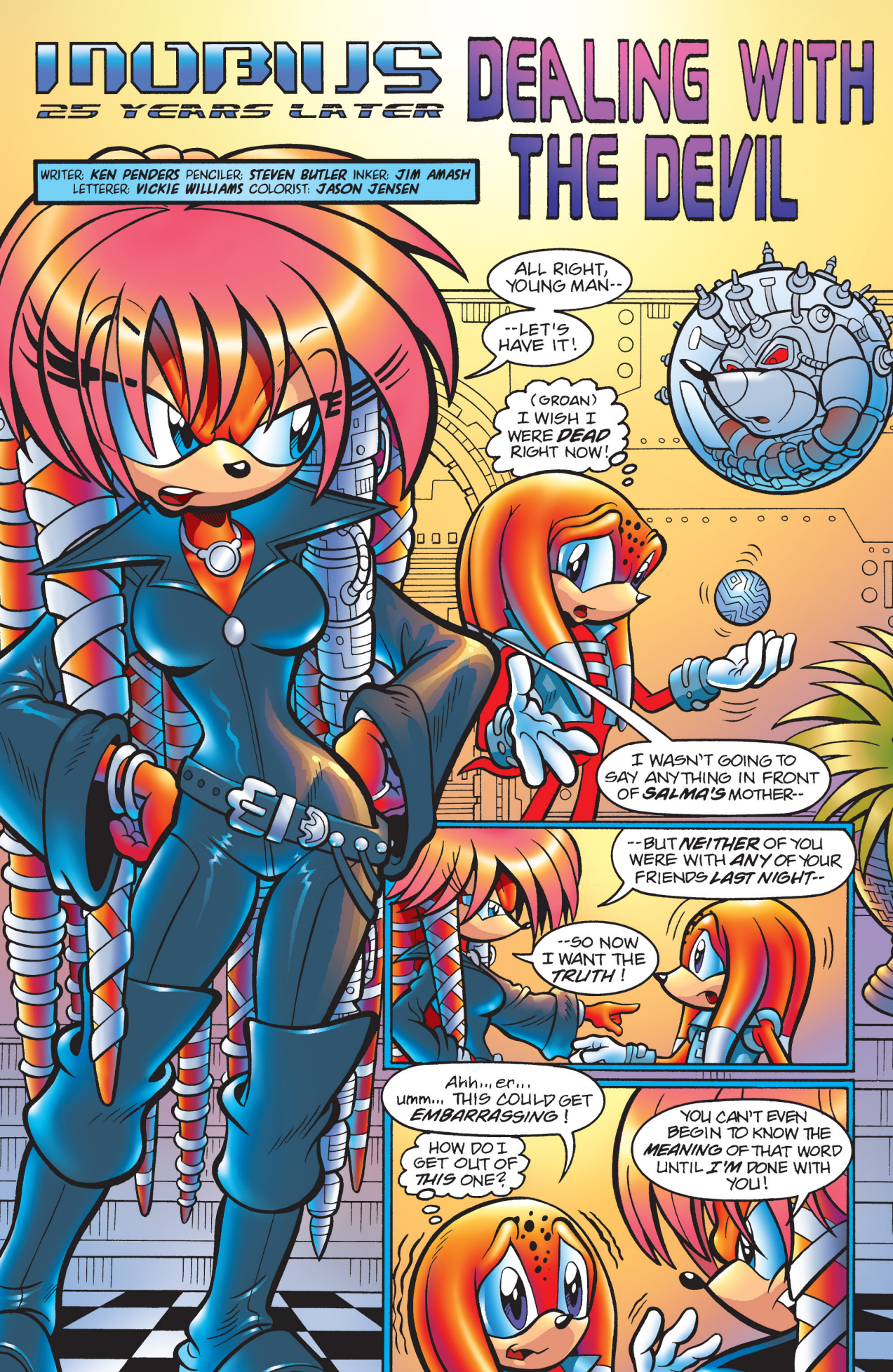
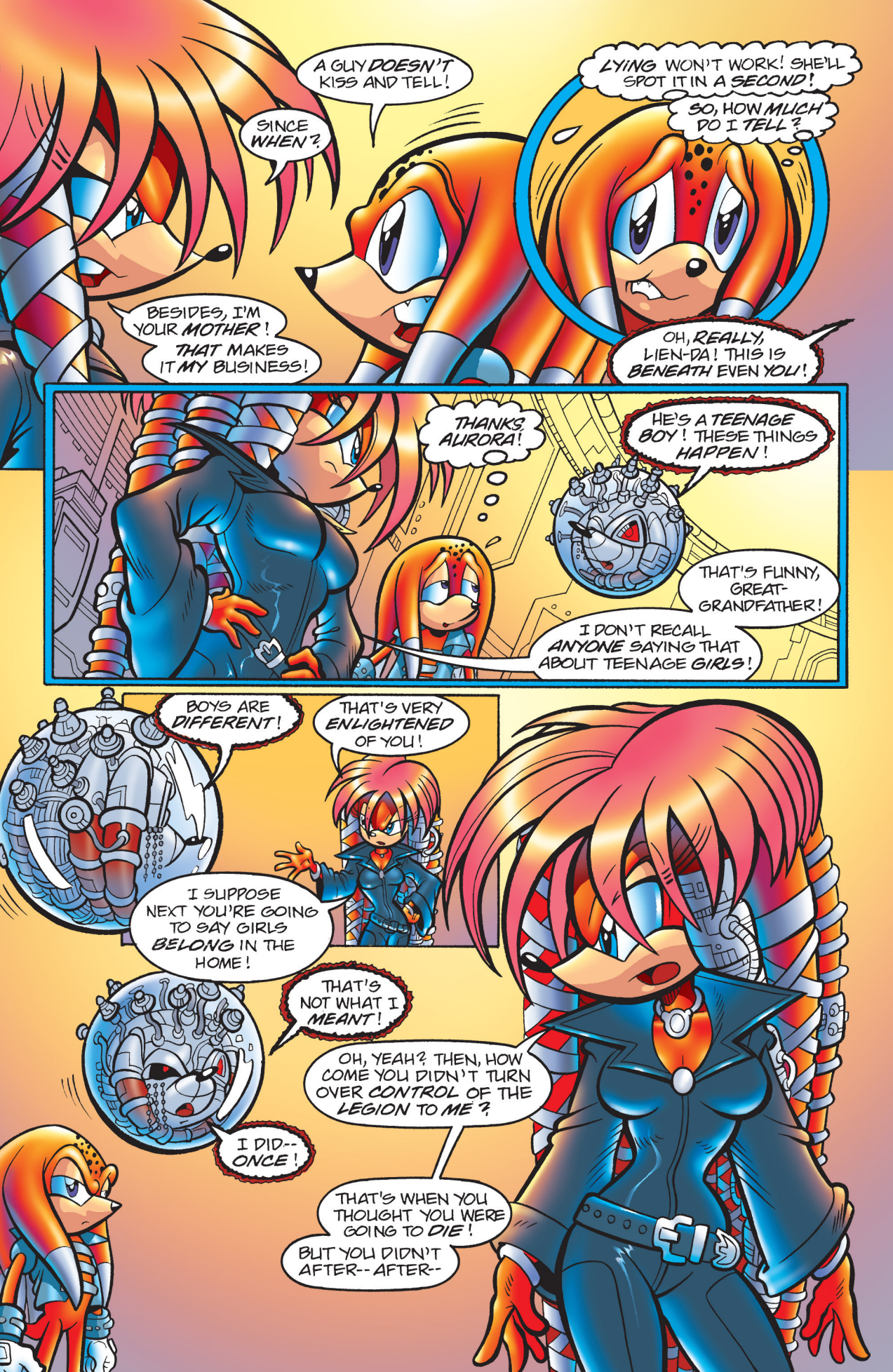
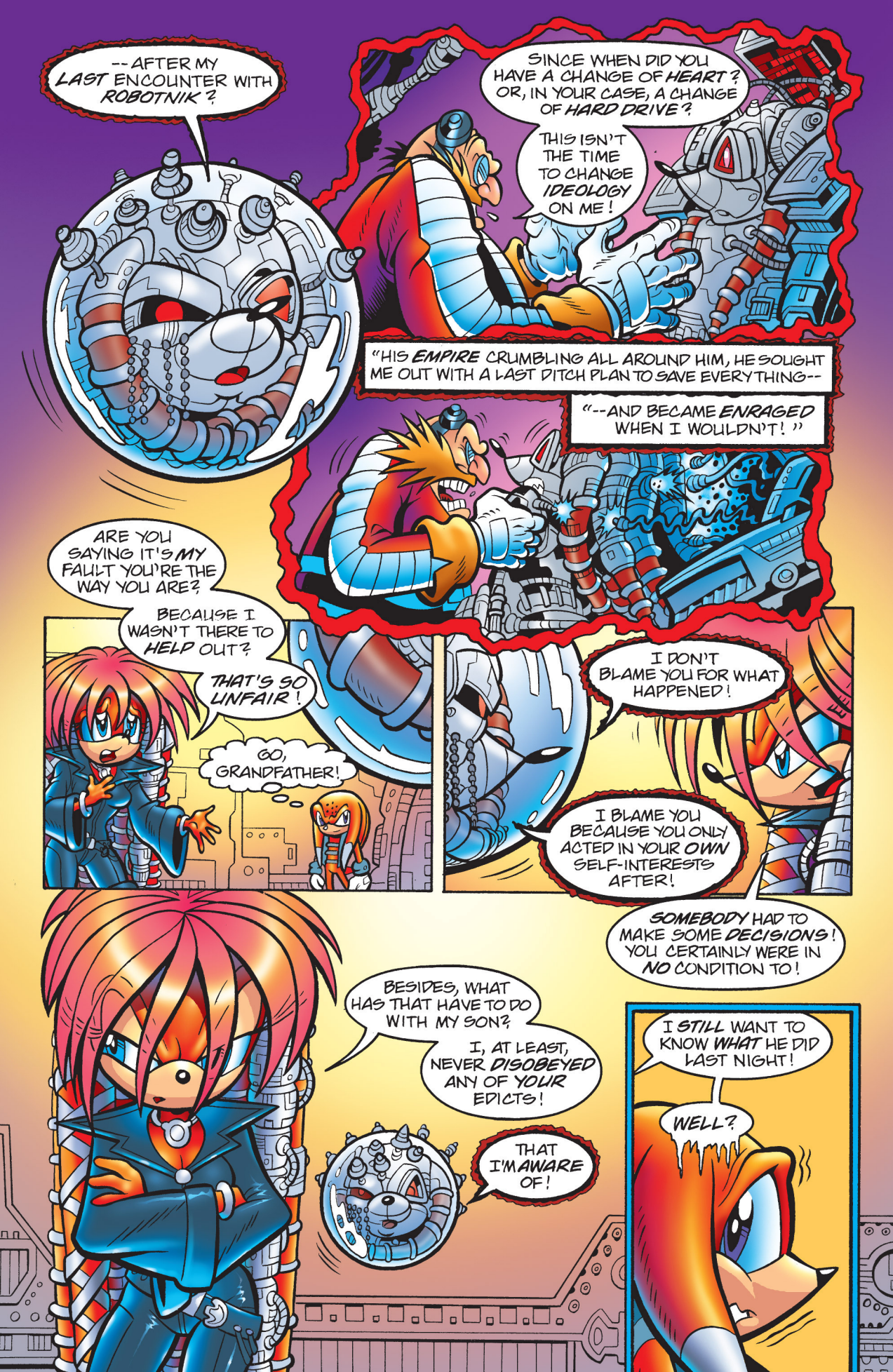
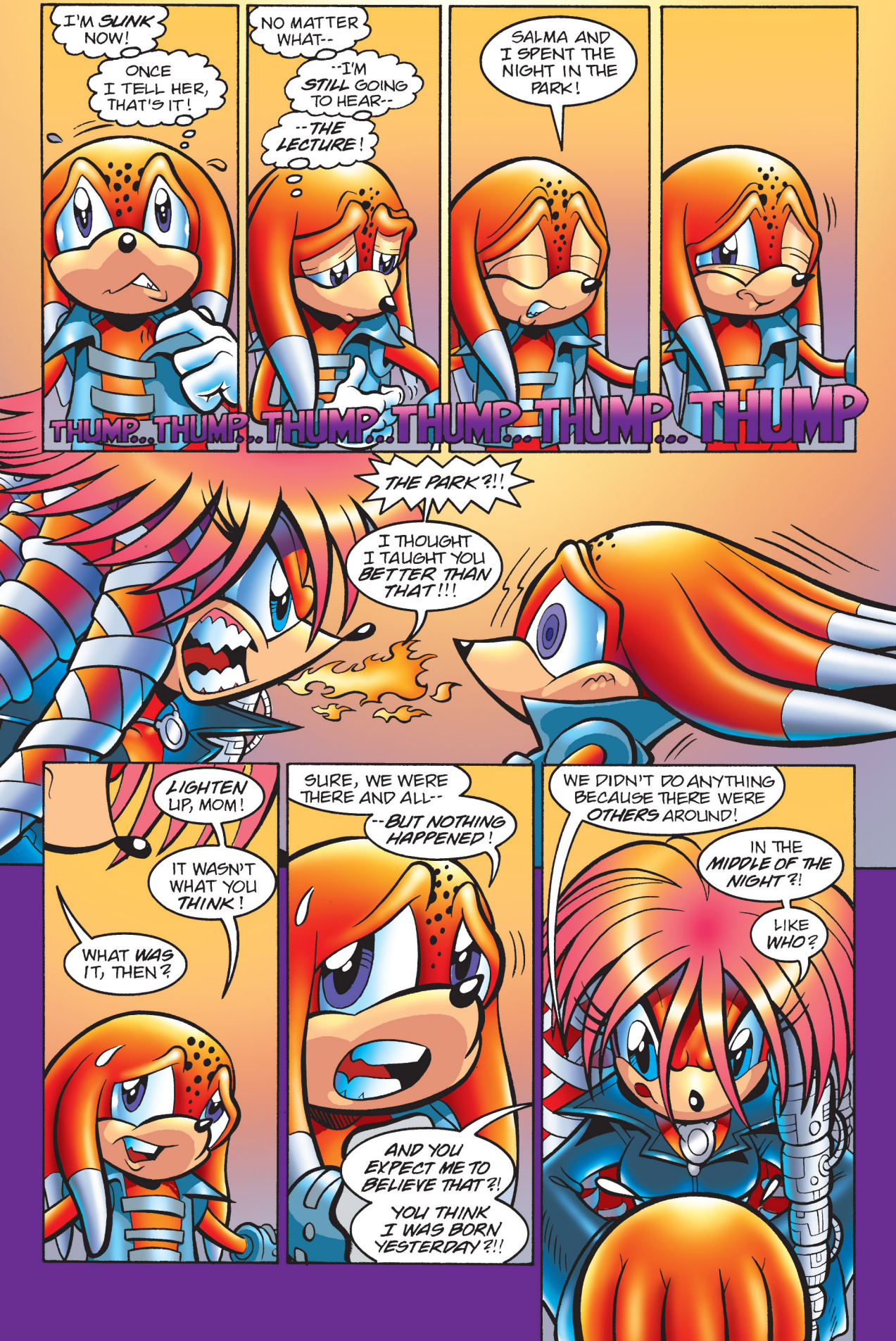
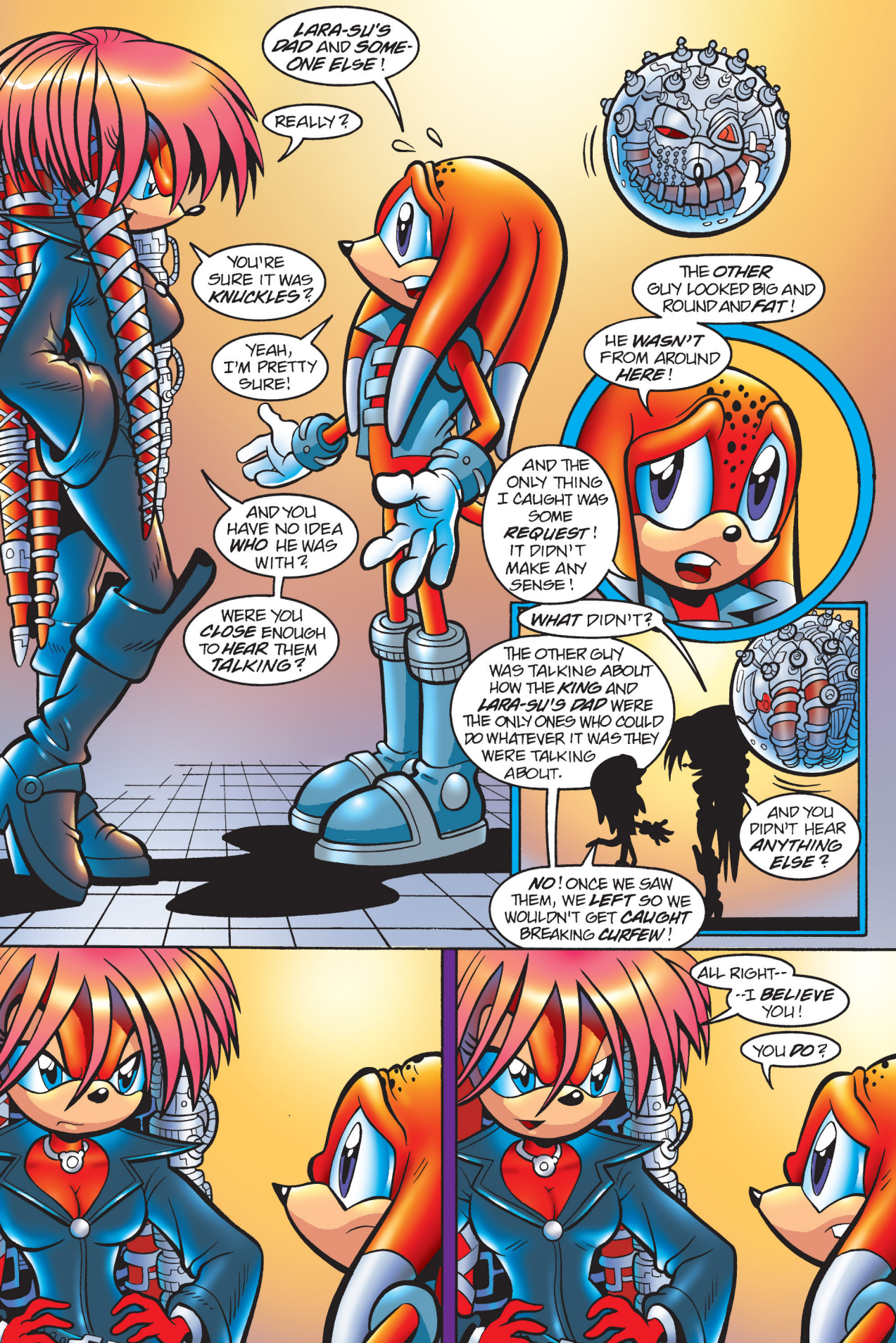
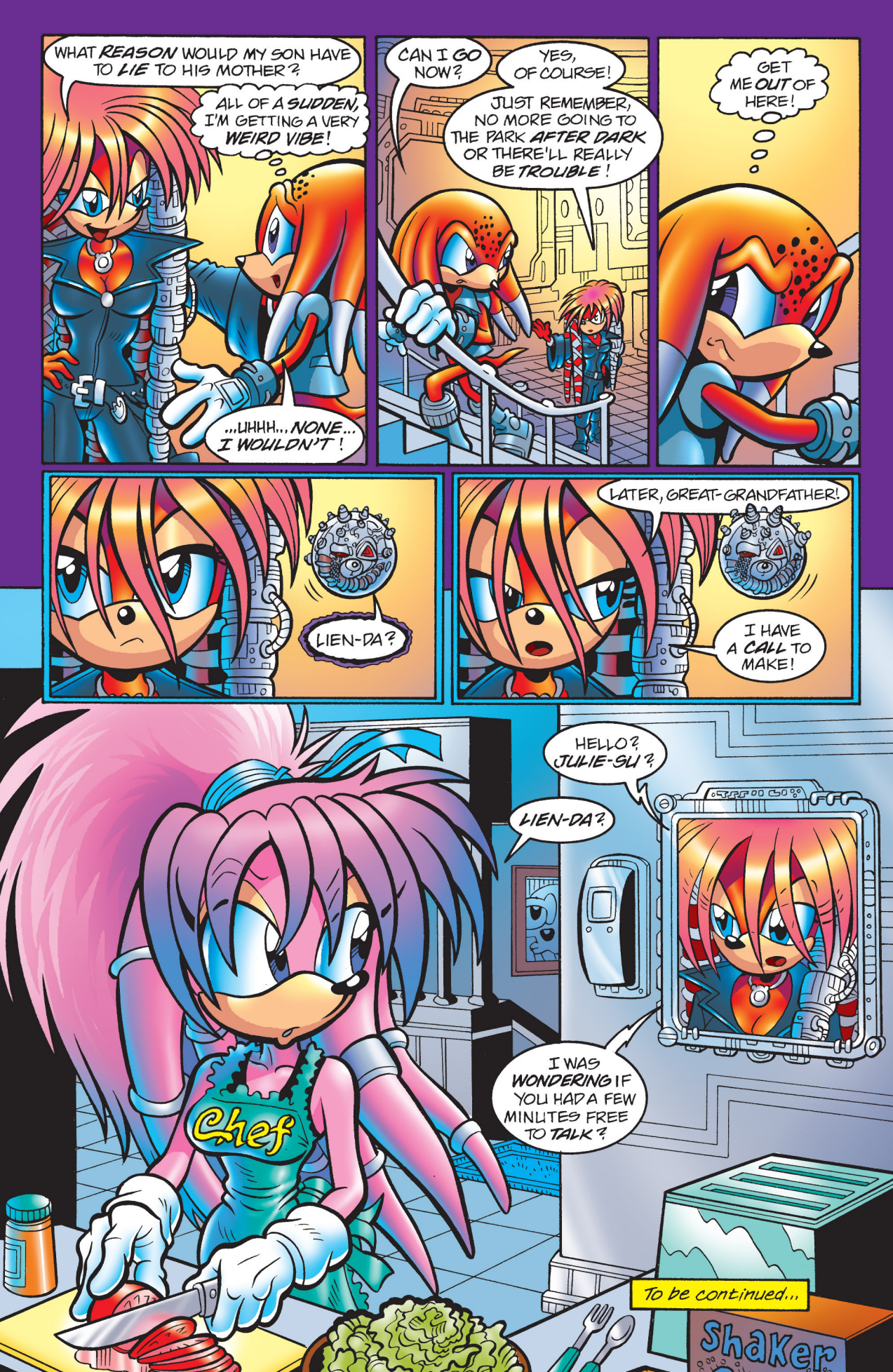

ALL RIGHT, YOUNG MAN--
--LET'S HAVE IT!
(GROAN) I WISH I WERE DEAD RIGHT NOW!
I WASN'T GOING TO SAY ANYTHING IN FRONT OF SALMA'S MOTHER--
--BUT NEITHER OF YOU WERE WITH ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS LAST NIGHT--
--SO NOW I WANT THE TRUTH!
Ahh... er... umm... THIS COULD GET EMBARRASSING!
HOW DO I GET OUT OF THIS ONE?
YOU CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO KNOW THE MEANING OF THAT WORD UNTIL I'M DONE WITH YOU!


A GUY DOESN'T KISS AND TELL!
SINCE WHEN?
LYING WON'T WORK! SHE'LL SPOT IT IN A SECOND!
SO, HOW MUCH DO I TELL?
BESIDES, I'M YOUR MOTHER! THAT MAKES IT MY BUSINESS!
OH, REALLY, LIEN-DA! THIS IS BENEATH EVEN YOU!
THANKS, AURORA!
HE'S A TEENAGE BOY! THESE THINGS HAPPEN!
THAT'S FUNNY, GREAT-GRANDFATHER!
I DON'T RECALL ANYONE SAYING THAT ABOUT TEENAGE GIRLS!
BOYS ARE DIFFERENT!
THAT'S VERY ENLIGHTENED OF YOU!
I SUPPOSE NEXT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY GIRLS BELONG IN THE HOME!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
OH, YEAH? THEN, HOW COME YOU DIDN'T TURN OVER CONTROL OF THE LEGION TO ME?
I DID-- ONCE!
THAT'S WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DIE!
BUT YOU DIDN'T AFTER-- AFTER--


-- AFTER MY LAST ENCOUNTER WITH ROBOTNIK?
SINCE WHEN DID YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART? OR, IN YOUR CASE, A CHANGE OF HARD DRIVE?
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO CHANGE IDEOLOGY ON ME!
"HIS EMPIRE CRUMBLING ALL AROUND HIM, HE SOUGHT ME OUT WITH A LAST DITCH PLAN TO SAVE EVERYTHING--
"--AND BECAME ENRAGED WHEN I WOULDN'T!"
ARE YOU SAYING IT'S MY FAULT YOU'RE THE WAY YOU ARE?
BECAUSE I WASN'T THERE TO HELP OUT?
THAT'S SO UNFAIR!
GO, GRANDFATHER!
I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR WHAT HAPPENED!
I BLAME YOU BECAUSE YOU ONLY ACTED IN YOUR OWN SELF-INTERESTS AFTER!
SOMEBODY HAD TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS! YOU CERTAINLY WERE IN NO CONDITION TO!
BESIDES, WHAT HAS THAT HAVE TO DO WITH MY SON?
I, AT LEAST, NEVER DISOBEYED ANY OF YOUR EDICTS!
THAT I'M AWARE OF!
I STILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE DID LAST NIGHT!
WELL?


I'M SUNK NOW!
ONCE I TELL HER, THAT'S IT!
NO MATTER WHAT--
--I'M STILL GOING TO HEAR--
--THE LECTURE!
SALMA AND I SPENT THE NIGHT IN THE PARK!
THUMP...THUMP...THUMP...THUMP...THUMP...THUMP
THE PARK?!!
I THOUGHT I TAUGHT YOU BETTER THAN THAT!!!
LIGHTEN UP, MOM!
IT WASN'T WHAT YOU THINK!
WHAT WAS IT, THEN?
SURE, WE WERE THERE AND ALL--
--BUT NOTHING HAPPENED!
AND YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?!
YOU THINK I WAS BORN YESTERDAY?!!
WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE THERE WERE OTHERS AROUND!
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?!
LIKE WHO?


LARA-SU'S DAD AND SOME-ONE ELSE!
REALLY?
YOU'RE SURE IT WAS KNUCKLES?
YEAH, I'M PRETTY SURE!
AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO HE WAS WITH?
WERE YOU CLOSE ENOUGH TO HEAR THEM TALKING?
THE OTHER GUY LOOKED BIG AND ROUND AND FAT!
HE WASN'T FROM AROUND HERE!
AND THE ONLY THING I CAUGHT WAS SOME REQUEST! IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
WHAT DIDN'T?
THE OTHER GUY WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW THE KING AND LARA-SU'S DAD WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO COULD DO WHATEVER IT WAS THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT.
AND YOU DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ELSE?
NO! ONCE WE SAW THEM, WE LEFT SO WE WOULDN'T GET CAUGHT BREAKING CURFEW!
ALL RIGHT--
--I BELIEVE YOU!
YOU DO?


WHAT REASON WOULD MY SON HAVE TO LIE TO HIS MOTHER?
ALL OF A SUDDEN, I'M GETTING A VERY WEIRD VIBE!
...UHHH... NONE... I WOULDN'T!
CAN I GO NOW?
YES, OF COURSE!
JUST REMEMBER, NO MORE GOING TO THE PARK AFTER DARK OR THERE'LL REALLY BE TROUBLE!
GET ME OUT OF HERE!
LIEN-DA?
LATER, GREAT-GRANDFATHER!
I HAVE A CALL TO MAKE!
HELLO? JULIE-SU?
LIEN-DA?
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU HAD A FEW MINUTES FREE TO TALK?
Chef
To be continued...
Shaker